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**Title** : Copy Method Avoiding Bit-to-Bit Duplication of Digital Data  
and Reading Device for Implementing Same  
**Examiner** : Bayat  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, having a shortened period for response that expired on March 23, 2003, which period is extended to expire on June 23, 2004, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application and enter remarks as follows. Please charge the fee for the extension, and any other fees, associated with the amendment to deposit account 07-0832.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Listing and Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3- of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.